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Applicant(s) hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision of the Examiner dated August 28, 2003 finally rejecting Claims 20-36, 39, and 40 in the above-identified application.

The item(s) checked below are appropriate:

- 1. Applicants hereby petition for a three month extension of time to respond to the final rejection [x]dated August 28, 2003. Authorization is provided to charge the fee of \$950 dollars to the Deposit Account listed below.
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